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SENATE CONFEREES APPOINTED; MOSS HAILS DOG STUDY, ASSERTS IT STRENGTHENS HIS POSITION IN CONFERENCE

The Senate last week appointed its conferees on H.R. 6543, the Public Health Cigarette Smoking Act of 1969 (F-LEG-70-2). They are: Magnuson (D-Wash.), Pastore (D-R.I.), Moss (D-Utah), Cotton (R-N.H.), and Pearson (R-Kansas).

On Friday, Sen. Moss (D-Utah) inserted in the Record the Washington Post story of Stuart Auerbach on the American Cancer Society's report "Effects of Cigarette Smoking on Dogs." The Senator hailed the report as "a landmark contribution to research on smoking and health."

"These findings," he said, "support my long held position that tar and nicotine contents should be listed on cigarette ads and packages to inform the smoker fully of the hazards involved. There is still no indication that a truly 'safe' cigarette is available, but some cigarettes apparently are less lethal than others ..."

"The release of the study was very timely, since House-Senate conferees will meet shortly on the House and Senate passed bills on cigarette advertising, and the conclusiveness of the findings will strengthen the hand of those of us who favor the strong Senate bill."

SEN. HATFIELD CONTINUES CAMPAIGN TO RESTRICT SMOKING ABOARD AIRCRAFT

Senator Hatfield (D-Oregon) at the close of the First Session of the 91st Congress, introduced S 3255, to restrict smoking on passenger aircraft to certain designated sections of the plane.

The bill directs the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to promulgate rules so that passengers who wish to smoke would do so only in a particular area.

Sen. Hatfield urged the bill on the basis of comfort, the "violent" reaction of some people who could not fly because of cigarette smoke, and cigarette tar buildup on exhaust-overflow ducts.

He cited the petition calling for such regulation, filed by Action on Smoking and Health, and its project group, CRASH, Citizens to Restrict Airline Smoking Hazards, and by John F. Banzhaf, Executive Director of ASH.

The ASH-CRASH petition contends that cigarette smoking is not only harmful to the smoker but also to non-smokers from cigarette smoke in a confined area. Alleged adverse effects of cigar smoke and pipe smoke were also cited.

Sen. Hatfield last month congratulated Pan Am for offering space to non-smokers on its 747's (48 out of 362 seats). Later, he inserted in the record, an article from the Wall St. Journal of January 29, on: "Pressure Builds to Curb Smokers in Airlines." The article cited Chief Justice Burger's support of smoking curbs on airlines, Ralph Nader's efforts, and airline and railroad actions. The FAA is reported to have initiated a 1-year study with USPHS on the effects of tobacco smoke on airline passengers. In a companion article, Steve Allen's objections to cigar smoking on planes are cited.

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